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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7213

BILL NUMBER: SB 408

DATE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Closed Captioning.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Closed Captioning Council. The bill requires the Council:

- (1) to coordinate closed captioning services for video and television programmers; and
- (2) to advise television stations, cable television companies, and government agencies on regulations regarding closed captioning and on closed captioning technology.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This Closed Captioning Council will consist of 11 members appointed by the Governor and will be chaired by the Director of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Unit. Lay members of the Council will be entitled to a per diem and a mileage reimbursement. Employees of the state or a political subdivision on the Council are entitled to a mileage reimbursement. The Council must hold three meetings each year, with at least one meeting held in the northern, central, and southern portions of the state. To determine the expected yearly travel and per diem costs of the Council, it was assumed that the Council would have eight lay members and three members who are employees of either the state or a political subdivision. Total annual per diem and travel costs are estimated at **\$2,442** and would be paid by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Unit.

Background Information: Lay members of the Council would be entitled to \$50 per diem and \$0.345 mileage reimbursement. Assuming that the Council met three times during the year, per diem costs are estimated at \$1,200. Assuming that the average mileage round trip for the meeting is 100 miles per lay member, mileage costs are estimated at \$848. Total annual costs for lay members are estimated at \$2,028. Mileage and per diem for lay members would be paid by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Unit.

The four employees of either the state or a political subdivision on the Council would also be eligible to receive mileage. Again, assuming that the average mileage round trip for the meeting is 100 miles per

member, mileage costs are estimated at \$414. Mileage for state employees would be paid by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Unit.

Total annual per diem and travel costs are estimated at **\$2,442.**

Administrative support for the Council will be provided by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Unit in the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services, Family and Social Services Administration.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Unit, Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services, Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: